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CHINESE INCOME TAX PETITION

"Not Expedient To Sacrifice Confidence"

Danger Of Flight Of Capital

A statement that it is neither expedient nor advisable to sacrifice, for the sake of a mere ten million odd dollars worth of revenue, the faith and confidence of over a million Chinese in the Government, appears in the latest Petition by the Chinese community against the imposition of income tax.

The Petition, which has been signed by the representatives of 98 local Chinese organizations and associations, and which is addressed to the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was handed in yesterday afternoon by a deputation of 21 members from the Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Anti-Direct Tax Commission.

As reported, exclusively in yesterday's "China Mail" the Petition also asserts that the imposition of income tax will result in the removal of Chinese capital from the Colony.

The Petition reads as follows:

The reference to the Government's official notification on Apr. 3, of the temporary suspension of the proposed Bill of the local tax and the appointment of a special committee to go more thoroughly into the whole question of a direct tax, it is plain, in the opinion of the people, that the Government has not shown any readiness to accept the people's proposal to find other means of solving the difficulties of the Government's 1947 expenditure problem, a fact which, in effect, is equivalent to the robbing of tax payers of their right of voting, by a Government whose system and motto is "rule by law."

"It is neither expedient nor advisable to sacrifice, for the sake of a mere ten million odd dollars worth of revenue, the faith and confidence of over a million Chinese, in the Government."

A Full Century
"We have the honour to submit the following points representing a consensus of public opinion based on precedents and laws instituted before the outbreak of the Pacific War, and shall be grateful if Government will give our submitted views on the question of the local tax its kind reconsideration."

"1. The imposition of the four direct taxes included in the local tax law was carried out in England long before the opening up of Hong Kong as a British Colony.
"For a full century since Hong Kong became a British Colony, the Hong Kong Government had never imposed direct tax, well convinced as it was of the unsuitableness of the direct tax to Chinese tradition, and fearing that its imposition might lead to unfortunate incidents such as occurred in the North American Colonies in 1776 as a result of the people's opposition."

War Tax
"Although the imposition of the direct tax was proposed in 1939 just at the time when Japan was invading China, causing a sudden boom in all Hong Kong's trade and industry, the authorities, giving heed to Sir Henry Pollock's idea of the direct tax as an impediment to the undertaking of new enterprises, very wisely decided not to impose the tax which, they feared, might prove an obstruction to local investments by the Chinese.
"In 1940 when the War Tax was first introduced, the Financial Secretary did publicly declare that no direct tax would be imposed when the war came to an end."

Capital Flight?
"At present, China as a whole, is still in a state of turbulence, and the influx of Chinese into the Colony is daily increasing. While much of the ravages of the war is still waiting urgently to be repaired, now is the time to make full use of any capital for the revival of Hong Kong's prosperity."

"The fact that the authorities in charge of taxation, without even making any reference to the precedence laid down in 1940 relative to taxation, must suddenly and determinately

AUSSIE WOOL FOR JAPAN

Sydney, Apr. 22.
The Canberra correspondent of the Sydney Sun says that the Commonwealth's decision to release 7,300 bales of wool for shipment to Japan is experimental and may be followed by larger shipments. It was stated that the original request to the Commonwealth was that Australia should supply Japan with 30,000 bales containing a large proportion of finer grades, but as these types were in demand by various wool-buying countries among the United Nations, the order for four grades was drastically cut.—Reuter.

Warspite In Sea Drama

Molotov Agreement On Korea

Moscow, Apr. 22.
M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, agreed in a letter to General George Marshall, United States Secretary of State, to the Soviet-United States commission in Korea resuming their efforts to form a provisional democratic government there with July-August as the deadline for recommendations to the governments of Russia and the United States.

M. Molotov suggested that the Commission should meet on May 20 at Seoul, southern Korea, in the American zone. Correspondence published here today disclosed that M. Molotov countered General Marshall's criticisms of the Soviet attitude by charging the United States delegation in Korea with obstruction and with including among the organizations consulted on the formation of a provisional government 17 parties and groups who opposed the Moscow agreement on Korea.—Reuter.

War Next Year--- F.D.R. Says So

Rome, Apr. 21.
The newspaper Giornale d'Italia, reported tonight that a leading Italian medium had contacted the spirit of the late President Roosevelt and was told that 1948 would bring a seven-month war.

The newspaper said Carlo Vergani, director of the magazines "World Union" and "Ways of the Spirit," had conducted a seance before a group of laymen. Vergani, who claims to have contacted the voices of spirits which say they are the painter Donatello, Christopher Columbus, Schubert, Gering, Mussolini and Roosevelt, used the seance method by which raps on the table spell out the spirit's answer to the medium's question.

To the first question put to Roosevelt's spirit about another war, the table replied: "A new war will break out in 1948." The medium and "Roosevelt" then had the following conversation, according to the newspaper: "Will it last long?" "No." "One year?" "No." "Two years?" "No." "Three years?" "No." At this point the table seemed impatient, the newspaper said, and the medium asked, "Is it a matter of months?" The table replied, "Yes."

"Would you, Mr. President, please give as many raps as months that war will last?" The table rapped seven times. The medium asked if London and New York would be bombed and was told "Yes." The table said Italy would take part in the war but that Rome would not be bombed, although "all Europe will be ruined."

The medium asked, "Will Russia win?" and was told, "No."

JUDGE'S CLASH WITH DEFENCE COUNSEL

Tokyo, Apr. 22.
Sir William Webb, president of the International Tribunal for the Far East, today accused the American defence counsel of "indulging in enemy propaganda."

Sir William's statement followed an acrimonious debate over the inclusion in defence testimony of a speech by President Truman to Congress, in which the President demonstrated the fear of the spread of Communism throughout the world.

Defence counsel argued that the Japanese, in their operations in Manchuria, were motivated by the same anxiety now expressed publicly by American officials.

Specific paragraphs of the defence document, to which the prosecution objected were these:

"It will be shown that Japan had reason to fear, and in fact did fear, that the spread of Communism in China, and then in Japan, would mean Japan's destruction."

"The clinching evidence in support of Japan's rightful fear is President Truman's address to the United States Congress last month on that subject and the desperate measures recommended to stop its spread."

The Court rejected two paragraphs without listening to the defence explanation of what it was intended to prove. During a heated retort, defence attorney Aristides Lazarus declared that defence had no opportunity to answer the prosecution's objections and that the court had made an arbitrary ruling without considering what arguments could be presented.

"President Truman has said in this recent speech exactly what the (Japanese) people said at that time," said Mr. Lazarus, "and therefore we want to introduce this statement."

Sir William interjected: "The American counsel will not in this tolerance of this abuse in the tolerance of this Court to engage in what might be termed enemy propaganda." The President immediately recessed the Court.

Following the recess, Mr. Lazarus, asking for an explanation of the phrase "enemy propaganda," said: "We never expected that the remarks of the President of the United States to the United States Congress would be called in this Court enemy propaganda."

"That is utter nonsense you are putting forth now," replied Sir William. "You are persistent in using the President's remarks, as head of an Allied power, in a situation which is wholly different from matters now before the Court."

Sir William said the Court previously had permitted the defence to attack the United States and Britain whenever such attacks appeared relevant. "But you appear to take great delight in insulting our Allied countries."

"To show our tolerance," Sir William continued, "we will over-rule the objection." How-

The Loon Goes Through Its Paces

San Francisco, Apr. 21.
Seventy-five correspondents, photographers and newsreel cameramen who watched spell-bound last week when the greatest guided missile in history was fired westward over the Pacific, today were permitted by the United States Navy to describe what was seen.

It was a three-ton flying bomb, officially called the KUG-1, but better known to 700 naval and civilian scientists and personnel of heavily-guarded air missile test centre as the Loon. Here are some of the things it will do: It increases the Navy's effective heavy bombardment range from 25 miles—the extreme range achieved against Japan—to 100 miles. Radio-controlled, it can change its course in flight to seek off its target with deadly accuracy. Its speed is in ex-

LEY APPEAL REJECTED

London, Apr. 22.
The Court of Criminal Appeal today dismissed the appeals by Thomas John Ley, 66-year-old former Minister of Justice in New South Wales, and Lawrence John Smith, 35-year-old joiner, against their conviction at the Old Bailey by the Central Criminal Court of the murder of John Muddie, hotel barman, whose body was found in a Surrey chalk pit.

Muddie had been kidnapped at the instigation of Ley, who in his "insane jealousy," the prosecution said, believed that he had been blackmailing his 66-year-old mistress. —Reuter.

Troop Train Blown Up

Jerusalem, Apr. 22.
Five British servicemen and a civilian were killed when a troop train was blown up in southern Palestine today.

Twenty-three servicemen were injured, two of them seriously. Some troops were still trapped in the wreckage, an official statement said. In addition, seven civilians were seriously injured and 11 slightly injured. The train, which was carrying troops and supplies, was en route from Egypt to Palestine when blown up south-east of Tel Aviv.

Electrically-operated mines were used and wrecked several coaches. The wire from the mines led to an orange grove owned by a Rehovot resident. The first three coaches were destroyed, and a sleeper and diner badly damaged, while the last coaches escaped lightly. Passengers in the latter cars mostly escaped, injuries here being the lowest.

After the blast, hidden gunmen were reported to have sprayed the train with grenades and small arms fire.—Reuter; United Press and Associated Press.

Ghastly Spectacle

The United Press Correspondent at Rehovot telephoned the following description from the scene:

"It is a ghastly spectacle with debris of shattered coaches flung over a wide area. The explosion ripped through the bottom of the coaches, turning them topsy turvy and blowing them to smithereens. Blood-spattered wreckage was thrown against trees, fences and orange groves to which the wires led from the detonators that touched off the explosion."

The explosion took place near a level crossing and the road across the tracks was strewn with pieces of human bodies.—United Press.

Sternist Claim

London, Apr. 22.
The Stern group of the Jewish underground today claimed responsibility for the attempt to blow up the Colonial Office last Tuesday.

In a communiqué mailed to the United Press London office signed, "Fighters for the Freedom of Israel," the Sternists said: "Despite the rigorous watch of the famous Scotland Yard our fighters succeeded in penetrating into the very heart of the Empire and in executing there a war action."

"The war of Jewish liberation will go on everywhere the British flag is wavering." —United Press.

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by equipping it for remote control by radio.
The Loon is subsonic as was the V-1—it is slower than sound. Whether or not the Navy is working on a Loon designed to parallel the German V-3—which

THE BEAVER'S NEW CRUSADE

London, Apr. 22.
A call to Britain to deal with Russia in a mood of reconciliation and the assertion that the United States has already recovered from the war, while Russia is suffering from "raging poverty" are made in an editorial in today's (Tuesday) widely read Daily Express.

"Russia has endured and sacrificed to a degree which we in Britain find it almost impossible to realise," the Express says.

"How then can we expect the United States to understand, the United States who for all her vast resources of the eastern and western endeavours and contributions is after the war comparatively richer than she was before it?" "America has already recovered economically from the war. Britain is by no means in that fortunate situation. This country is impoverished and embarrassed and is likely to remain so for years to come."

"But in Russia it has now become a question of restoring—or failing to restore—the very fabric of civilisation."

Capitol Shot Up By Gunmen

Havana, Apr. 22.
Unidentified gunmen, armed with submachineguns and pistols, poured 300 bullets into Cuba's \$20,000,000 Capitol last night while the Senate was in session—touching off a bitter political battle which ended in a fierce fight on the Senate floor.

Early today the police still were searching blindly for the men who fired away from the tenebrous of a slowly moving automobile as it passed in front of the Capitol and then "raced" away.

An eye-witness said about 100 persons were in the vicinity of the building at the time of the shooting but only one was injured. The wounded man, whose identity could not be learned immediately, was taken to a private hospital.

The Senate continued in session despite the attack and engaged in a bitter debate on the responsibility for the shooting. Various Senators charged that "gangs" of different Cabinet Ministers were to blame.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

The Lantan depression has become stationary over Hokkaido and another depression has developed over Yunnan. A weak high-pressure belt extends NW from the Eastern Sea.
Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E winds. Weather cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle.
Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 73.1 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 65.8 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: Nil.
Rainfall: 2.2 mm, equals .086 ins. Total since Jan. 1—185.6 mm, or against an average of 240.9 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m.
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St. George's Day Ceremony

Today is St. George's Day and although the day was celebrated in Stanley Prison Camp since 1941 this is the first occasion since 1941 that the Society has had an opportunity of meeting together in England's Day.

At 11 a.m. the President (Mr. P. S. Cassidy) supported by Past Presidents and Members of the Committee of the Society will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph and it is hoped that as many Englishmen and women who can will attend this brief ceremony.

Weather permitting there will be a concert on the Cricket Ground. The kind permission of the President and Committee of the Hong Kong Cricket Club when the band of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own) will play traditional airs under the direction of Mr. R. B. White, A.R.C.M. Bandmaster. The programme will be brought to a close with the sounding of Retreat. The concert starts at 5.30 and chairs will be reserved for members of the Society and their Guests. The Public is cordially invited to attend and limited seating accommodation will be available in the court stands. The following is the programme:

1. Selection on English Melodics, The Rose arranged by Myddleton.
2. "Nights of Gladness" - Charles Arndcliffe.
3. Gems from the Operas of W. S. Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan, arranged by Dan Goffrey.
4. Fantasia "Merrie England" - Edward German.
- March "The Standard of St. George" - Kenneth J. Alfred.
- The Retreat.

HEALTH RETURNS

The Colony showed a clean bill of health in the week ending April 19 as far as cholera and smallpox were concerned, no cases of either disease being reported to the Health Authorities. Other infectious diseases reported included 70 tuberculosis (41 deaths).

BOWEN ROAD INCIDENT

Jap Who Thought He Saw A Ghost

Shot and left for dead on the Repulse Bay Road by his Japanese captors, a private of the Royal Canadian Army Ordnance Corps, Leslie MacLachlan, survived to meet in Bowen Road Hospital a Japanese guard who asked him if he was not a ghost come back to haunt him.

Canivet, in a sworn affidavit read before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday at the continued trial of Major-General Tanaka Ryosaburo, who led the assault on the Repulse Bay area in December, 1941, recounted the incident in the following words:

"A Japanese guard at the Bowen Road Hospital seemed to recognise me and had the interpreter ask me whether I had ever been before a firing squad. I said I had when he asked me through the interpreter whether I recognised him. I replied I did not. He seemed to stare at me and told the interpreter who relayed the story to me that I was a ghost come back to haunt him. He used to bring me cigarettes."

Evidence that in a search made by a party from Field Ambulance Headquarters on Dec. 29, 1941, for any wounded still lying in the hills in the Repulse Bay Road area he had come across three groups of dead Allied personnel who had evidently been bayoneted by the Japanese after capture was given yesterday by Col. L. T. Ride, officer in command of the Field Ambulance during the hostilities.

Col. Ride said that permission was obtained from a Japanese officer stationed at the Hong Kong University on Dec. 28, 1941, for a search party to go through to the Stanley area to look for any wounded still lying in the hills.

On the following day, in company with Major Crawford and Col. Simpson, he had gone out by Wong Nei Cheong Gap to the Repulse Bay Road. There were numbers of dead lying by the side of the road. The party searched houses in the vicinity and on approaching one of these on the "Ridge" came across a number of British dead lying on their faces with their hands behind their backs, though unclipped. Swelling and obvious bruises on both wrists suggested that these had been bound.

K.C. in the course of yesterday's proceedings.

An affidavit sworn by Sgt. David Ives Bosanquet, of the 5th A.A. Battery, H.K.V.D.C., read:

Hands Tied

"On Dec. 18, 1941, I was stationed at the Sai Wan Fort A.A. Gun position. When the Japanese partially surrounded the position we retreated to our own lines and I was eventually made prisoner at Stanley Fort on Dec. 25.

"During the first week of January while in North Point Prison Camp I was a member of the first burial party to visit Sai Wan Fort. I saw the bodies of those who had been shot attempting to withdraw from the position, lying on the ground.

"In the position itself, we found a heap of mangled and decaying corpses which had obviously been bayoneted. We started to dig a grave but were unable to complete it during the first visit.

"Returning three or four days later with another party I found that the bodies lying on the ground and those in the position itself had all been removed - presumably buried.

"During the second visit I saw at least two bodies. The hands of both men had been tied behind their backs and they had obviously been bayoneted."

An affidavit sworn by Rfman. A. K. Pryce, of the Royal Rifles of Canada read: "On the 16th of December, 1941, I was fighting with 'C' Company, Royal Rifles of Canada, under the orders of Lieut. Bradley on Hong Kong Island on the highest point behind Layman Barracks. On the 17th we were replaced by Indians and we went down to the main road where we stayed all day. We were stationed in a cement building by the side of the main road which was used as a field kitchen.

"On the 17th at night, the Japanese landed right at the point where we were before the Indians took over. We kept quiet all day in the field kitchen and were not bothered by the Japanese. On the 18th, Lieut. Bradley told us that there were Japanese all around the place and that we had to go after them. We left the field kitchen and went up into the mountains on the opposite side of the main road. These mountains were part of Mount Parker.

"Sgt. Cuzner and myself were on the road at the time behind our company and he asked me to remain with him. We went to a culvert underneath the main road and spent the whole night there watching the Japanese. Between eight and ten o'clock on the morning of the 19th, Sgt. Cuzner suggested that we go down to the field kitchen. He expected that the truck, which usually brought our rations once a day, would be in that day and wanted to prepare meals for our men.

"At that time it was very quiet all around and we could not see any Japanese. We walked down the main road and approximately five minutes later we arrived at a place where a road had been cut through a hill. There were Japanese soldiers hiding themselves behind the cut and they immediately jumped on us.

"They backed us up on the side of the road near the rocks and kept their bayonets pointing at us. We remained there for about half an hour when a Japanese officer mounted on a horse arrived. He talked to us but we could not understand Japanese. He then gave orders in Japanese to his men and immediately after that they tied a long rope on one of my wrists and did the same thing to Sgt. Cuzner.

"They then made us push a field stretcher with wheels and forced us to march up the road. We marched up as far as a spot on the road in line with Mount Parker where we were forced to pick up all sorts of equipment belonging to the Japanese soldiers. We did that work most of the day and after that they made us turn back and we walked down the road to the field kitchen where we were stationed before.

"During all that time the Japanese officer was supervising the work. Here and there Japanese soldiers used to jump on the end of the rope which was dragging on the road to bother us and make us lose grip of the stretcher.

"On arrival at the field kitchen the Japanese officer gave orders which I did not understand, but immediately after that we were placed right on the edge of the road and I was bayoneted by the Japanese."

Coming Events

April 23—Sho-British Club, St. John's Hall, 6 p.m. Speaker: Mr. T. R. Rowell (Dir. of Education).

April 24—Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.

April 24—H.K. Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon.

April 25—Police Res. Club opening, 5.30 p.m.

April 26—Fifth Extra Race Meeting.

April 26—K.C.C. Play: "A Worm's Eye View."

April 28—"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon.

April 28—Police Res. Club meeting, 5.30 p.m.

May 2—C.B.A. Reunion Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

May 7—Dinner To Sir Mark and Lady Young, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

May 8—Canton Ins. Office, Ltd., annual meeting, noon.

American-Chinese Fines For On Arms Charge Spitting

"Possession of arms is a very very serious offence in this Colony. No matter if you are an American, a Polish, or any other citizen you will be treated very toughly here," declared Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday before imposing a fine of \$1,500 on American-born Yim Siu-cheung, 28, native of San Francisco, who pleaded guilty, through Mr. Marcus da Silva, to an arms charge preferred against him by DSI R. MacKenzie.

According to DSI MacKenzie, the Water Police were notified on April 7 by the Godown Co. that a damaged piece of luggage, containing ammunition, had been found. Accompanied by Detective Ip Chi, he went to the godown and found a wooden box with a label, bearing the name of Yim Siu-cheung, attached.

About half an hour after his return to the Police Station, continued DSI MacKenzie, he was informed by Detective Ip, who had been left at the Godown to await the owner, that he had detained a man who, later, admitted possession of the 150 rounds of ammunition.

When accused's luggage was searched at the Police Station it was found to contain one Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, concealed in a bundle of clothing and several packages of "Pheasant Tissues." The ammunition was packed and sealed exactly like the packages of tissues and bore the same markings, declared DSI MacKenzie.

Defendant, being in the uniform of the U.S. Army, was asked why he was wearing the uniform. He produced his discharge papers which showed that he was "demobilized" on Sept. 28, 1945. He was also in possession of an American passport issued by the Washington State Department on Oct. 24 last year, added the prosecuting officer.

In mitigation, Mr. Silva stated that accused was born in San Francisco and had been in business there for a number of years. He served with the American forces in various theatres of war and was in Australia when the war ended. His wearing of the uniform, said counsel, might be attributed to human vanity—a "show-off" to his folks.

While in America, continued Mr. Silva, he received a letter from his grandfather ("an old man who should know better") asking him to purchase a revolver for protection against bandits in the village. Defendant bought the gun from a store in San Francisco and, in conformity with the regulations, reported the purchase to the Police Headquarters there. He also notified the detective detailed to investigate his report that he intended to take the revolver to China.

"There was nothing sinister in the possession of the revolver and ammunition," asserted Mr. Silva, who went on to state that he could produce several well-known and well-established businessmen in the Colony who could testify as to accused's integrity. "There is not the slightest question of his being a shady or undesirable character," declared defence counsel.

Mr. Silva's plea for a fine, instead of a prison sentence was endorsed by DSI MacKenzie who informed the Court that the Police would be quite satisfied with a monetary penalty of a substantial nature.

party had found the mutilated bodies of a detachment of Canadian Rifles and small units (RAC, RE, RAB) personnel who two days previously left the detached unit, en route to the front, and were situated at the Ridge, Repulse Bay Road. This original party had been machine-gunned at Island Road corner.

"Lieut. Healey, HKRA, showed me the mutilated bodies lying at the bottom of a sharp grassy slope just above sea level looking out to sea. There were approximately 18 bodies. The bodies had been killed by machine-guns and had obviously been captured alive and taken later. Lieut. Wynne, RAC, who had taken the rest of my party from the front, showed me the bodies of the men who had been killed. He had a British Service pistol tightly wrapped round his neck and his head was in a badly swollen state. His hands were tied behind his back and his feet were bound by a large bolt which appeared to have been made by a bayonet. The whole of this party had been destroyed in a similar manner. Lieut. Healey then showed me two 108s with their heads chopped off and a HKVD2 private with his head cut from crown to shoulder.

"On January 2, 1942, from the North Point Camp I was sent to 'The Ridge' to maintain in order clothing and necessities for prisoners. At the Ridge I found over the retaining wall looking toward Deep Water Bay, approximately six bodies, one of which I, recorded as Sub-Conductor item of my unit. The whole of this party had their hands tied behind their backs and appeared from their position to have been lined up on the lawn of House No. 23 which had a small wall at that point with an approximate drop of 10-15 feet. They had either been shot or bayoneted but without doubt they had been taken prisoners and destroyed later."

Kneeling in Road

An affidavit sworn by Mr. William Charles Gormley, Manager, District of Chinese Engineers Ltd., residing at Shanghai, read:

"I was temporarily residing at Repulse Bay Hotel at the time the Japanese captured it, which was early in the morning of December 25, 1941. At about 9 a.m. that day, we were ordered to walk along the road towards 'The Ridge' and 'The Repulse'."

Mutilated Bodies

An affidavit sworn by Lieut. W. Healey, HKRA, read:

"On December 27, 1941, I was sent to the grounds of 'The Ridge' where a party of about 150 men were taken to the front of the Ridge, Repulse Bay Road. This original party had been machine-gunned at Island Road corner."

When Police Prosecutor C.J. Askew informed Mr. Latimer yesterday that the Health Authorities are taking a very serious view of indiscriminate spitting, "It's about time. It seems to me that it is also very prevalent on the Star Ferry."

This emphasis was laid at the conclusion of cases against Pan Sui-hung, 30, firewood dealer, Tseul Chak-shing, 31, cable and Tseul Chak-shing, 31, cable, charged with spitting "in or into a public place, to wit, Shanghai Street and Public Square Street, other than into a receptacle or channel for sewage, refuse or waste water," on April 21.

All the accused were arrested by a Public Health Inspector and were charged as a warning to the general public.

First and third defendants were \$5 each, while the second accused who had been detained overnight was discharged with a caution.

Eight Chinese men and one woman appeared in court yesterday before Mr. Sainsbury, charged with spitting in a public place. All defendants but one 64-year old man were fined \$20. The man was cautioned, Mr. Sainsbury taking into consideration the fact that he was old to serve a prison sentence and had no money with which to pay the fine.

Readers' Letters

Wet Strength Papers

Sir.—From the front page of your issue of the 21st inst., I read that Swedish Paper Mills are producing a new kind of paper that will stand any amount of wetting.

Your correspondent further states that "during the war the Allies, especially the British and the Americans were very interested in this kind of paper."

You may be interested to know that "Wet Strength" papers are by no means new, and are certainly not confined to Sweden, since they were manufactured throughout the war by this Company in England and at the request of the British Government for among other purposes, Naval Charts and Service maps.

The efforts of British research chemists, developed a paper whose water resistance was sufficient to survive the average vicissitudes met by a map during military operations in wet weather, and at the same time retaining certain scarce chemicals for use elsewhere by the Raw Materials Control of the Ministry of Supply.

Yours faithfully,
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Robbed I.C.I. Godown

Found guilty of breaking into and stealing nine barrels of naphthalene (scarlet dye), valued at \$12,825, from the Imperial Chemical Industry's godown in Great George Street on April 19, three coolies, Lam Ping, 29, Li Sang, 22, and Lam Ping, 23, were each sentenced to six months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Li Sang was additionally given six months for a breach of deportation order.

All defendants were alternatively charged with receiving the barrels of scarlet dye.

DI MacPherson said the trio were seen walking suspiciously in Lockhart Road, near Percival Street, at 4.30 a.m. on April 19, by a Chinese detective who observed their hands stained with dye. When questioned they claimed to have been engaged by someone in removing the dye.

The detective was not satisfied with their story and took them to the station. Enquiries later revealed that the godown had been broken into. Nine barrels of dye were found abandoned in a yard near the godown.

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FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The Labour Officer announces that food and fuel costs for the week ended April 19, 1947 were:

Rice and Flour	7.2	\$ 4.840
Vegetables	1.9	1.000
Salt Cabbage	2	2.000
Oil	2	1.500
Tea	2	3.000
Salt Fish	3	6.810
Flour	4	7.500
Pork	2	3.000
Firewood	10.0	1.000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	7.000	
Total		\$12,825

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TENDER NOTICE

It is hereby notified that
sealed tenders in duplicate will
be received at the office of the
Custodian of Property, until
noon on Friday, 25th April,
1947, for the purchase of the
following unclaimed Launch

Tenders should be clearly
marked "Tender for Launch."

ONE STEAM LAUNCH
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Tenders must be firms
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are directly engaged in the
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undertakings, etc., within the
harbour limits.

The terms of the sale by
tender provide that no transfer
of registration or resale of this
launch will be permitted for a
period of three years from date
of purchase by the successful
tenderer except with the full
approval of the Harbour Master.

Inspection permits will be
issued to prospective tenderers
by the Disposals (Tenders)
Branch of the Custodian of
Property Office, Windsor House,
on application. The Govern-
ment does not bind itself to
accept the highest or any
tender.

No warranty is given in any
way as to Description or
Condition.

W. H. STURROCK,
Custodian of Property.
Hong Kong, 15th April, 1947.

NOTICE

TENDER FOR HANDLING MILITARY CARGO

It is hereby notified that
sealed tenders in duplicate,
which should be clearly marked
"Tender for Handling of Military
Cargo" will be received by
Embarkation H.Q. Peninsula
Hotel until noon on Tuesday
April 29th 1947.

A tonnage rate for discharge
of Cargo ex-ship either along-
side or at Buoy to Military de-
pots at Shamshui-Chatham
Road and M.F.O. Camber
HONG KONG and for cargo ex
above mentioned depots for
loading Military Cargo to ship
either alongside or at buoy.
This will include tenders for
General Cargo—dangerous cargo
and heavy lifts—Minimum ton-
nage and rate must be stated.

The Embarkation Comman-
dant does not bind himself to
accept the lowest or any tender.

Tender forms may be obtained
on application to Embarka-
tion H.Q. Peninsula Hotel.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an extraordinary general
meeting of the Company will
be held at the registered offices
of the Company 18 Pedder
Street Hong Kong on Friday
the Thirtieth day of May 1947
at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose
of proposing and if thought fit
passing the subjoined resolution
as a special resolution viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 123 (a) and 123 (b)
and that the following Article
123 be substituted:—

"123. Any General meeting may
resolve that any moneys,
investments, or other as-
sets forming part of the
undivided profits of the
Company standing to the
credit of the reserve
fund, or any capital re-
demption reserve fund,
or in the hands of the
Company and available
for dividend (or repre-
senting premiums re-
ceived on the issue of
shares and standing to
the credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and distribut-
ed amongst such of the
shareholders as would be
entitled to receive the
same if distributed by
way of dividend and in
the same proportions as
the capital and that all or
any part of such cap-
italised fund be applied
on behalf of such share-
holders in paying up
in full either at par
or at such premium as
the resolution may
provide, any un-
issued shares or de-
bentures or debenture
stock of the company
which shall be distribut-
ed accordingly or in or
towards payment of the
unpaid liability on any
issued shares or debent-
ures or debenture stock,
and that such distribu-
tion or payment shall be
accepted by such share-
holders in full satisfac-
tion of their interest in
the said capitalised sum."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special re-
solution the following resolu-
tion will be proposed as an or-
dinary resolution viz:—

"That it is desirable
that the uncalled liability
of \$30.00 per share on
the issued shares in the
capital of the company be
paid up and accordingly
that the sum of \$1,200,-
000.00, being part of the
Hong Kong Currency
Reserve of the Company
be and is hereby
capitalised and that such
capital sum be applied by
the General Managers
pro rata on behalf of the
persons who on the
thirtieth day of May
1947 are the holders of
such shares in payment
of the uncalled liability
on such shares respective-
ly and that such capital
sum shall be treated for
all purposes as an in-
crease in the amount of
the paid up capital of
the company held by
each such shareholder
and not as income and
that such payment be
accepted by each satis-
faction of his or her
interest in such said
capitalised sum."

At such meeting the follow-
ing resolution will also be
proposed as an ordinary resolution
viz:—

"That the authorised
capital of the Company
be increased to ten
million dollars by the
creation of one hundred
and sixty thousand new
shares of the nominal
value of fifty dollars
each."

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the Twenty eighth day of
May to the thirtieth day of
May 1947 both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO. LTD.
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1947.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an extraordinary general
meeting of the Company will
be held at the registered offices
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capital sum be applied by
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The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the twenty eighth day of
May to the thirtieth day of
May 1947 both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO. LTD.
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1947.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixty-second Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of
the Undersigned on Friday, 9th
May, 1947, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of
the General Agents together
with a Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st
December, 1946.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 26th April to 9th May,
1947, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO. LTD.

General Agents,
THE CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1947.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-fourth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the offices of the
Undersigned on Thursday the
24th April, 1947, at Noon, for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December, 1946.

The Share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the 10th April to the 24th
April, 1947 both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO., LTD.

General Managers,
THE HONG KONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1947.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

HONGKONG

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held at the Hongkong Hotel,
Hong Kong, on Thursday, 24th
April, 1947 at 11.30 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with
a Statement of Accounts for
the period 1st September 1945
to 31st December 1946 and for
the election of Directors and
appointment of Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Register and
Transfer Books of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th
to 24th April, 1947, both days
inclusive, during which period
no transfer of shares can be
registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co. Ltd., on Monday
the 28th day of April, 1947, at
Noon, to receive the Report of
the Board of Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
15th April, 1947, to the 28th
April, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of
the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1947.

CONVITE

A Direcção do Club Lusitano
e do Club de Regatas tem a
honra de convidar a Colónia
Portuguesa para a Recepção na
Sexta-feira, 25 de Maio, às 18
horas, no Club Lusitano, em
honra de Excmo. Sr. Dr. Eduardo
Brazão, Diretor do Club Lusitano,
Colónia.

Hong Kong, 10 de Abril, 1947.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.,
will be held at its Registered
Offices, Exchange Building,
Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the
7th day of May, 1947, at 12.15
p.m. (or as soon thereafter as
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to
be held at noon on that date
shall have been concluded) for
the purpose of considering and,
if thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolution as an Or-
dinary Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the
Company be increased to
\$5,000,000.—by the creation
of Three Hundred and Four
Thousand, Five Hundred
and Six additional new
shares of Ten Dollars each
to be issued at such time
or times and on such terms
and conditions in every re-
spect as the Company's
Board of Directors may
think fit."

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. TAYLOR,
MANAGER & SECRETARY.

Dated this 22nd Day of April,
1947.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Fifty-Fourth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Registered
Offices of the Company, Ex-
change Building, Des Voeux
Road Central, Victoria, Hong
Kong, on Wednesday, 7th May,
1947, at NOON for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Board of Directors, together
with the Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1946, and to elect Directors
and appoint Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
Directors.

R. TAYLOR,
MANAGER & SECRETARY.

Dated this 3rd Day of April,
1947.

NOTICE

HONG KONG AND CHINA
GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE COMPANY'S HEAD OF-
FICE HAS NOW MOVED
TO WEST POINT WORKS.

TELEPHONE
(ALL DEPARTMENTS)
28181

NOTICE

DURING MY TEMPORARY
ABSENCE ON LEAVE FROM
26th APRIL, MR. A. TUSKIA
WILL ACT AS MANAGER IN
MY PLACE.

E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Manager for South China
THE MANUFACTURERS
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

NOTICE

WILL ALL EX-SHANGHAI
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL EM-
PLOYEES AND OTHER EX-
SHANGHAI LANDERS
PLEASE CONTACT BOX NO.
15.

SUMMER SUITS

Men's Summer Suits made
from a fine material-mixed
Linen and Rayon ready made,
may be obtained from local re-
tailers at the controlled price
of \$49.50 each.

Similar suits made to mea-
sure are supplied at the under-
mentioned premises, at which
place a tailor is in attendance
to take measurements between
2 and 5 p.m. daily. The tailor
may also be sent for by
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Hong Kong.

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and Appraisers.
Pedder Building.
Telephone No. 20224.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have receiv-
ed instructions from the
Custodian of Property to sell
by Public Auction on

Wednesday the 23rd, April,
1947
commencing at 10.00 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Pedder
Building, Basement.

166 LOTS OF
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS
— comprising:—

STORED AT CUSTODIAN
"1K" GODOWN, MA TAU
WEI ROAD, KOWLOON.
Tables, Chairs, Armchairs,
Settees, Chesterfield Set,
Desks, Blackwood Furniture,
Carpets, Beds, Safe, Cup-
boards, Wardrobes, Cabinets,
Timber, Vulcanizer, Double
Chambered Furnace, Etc.

STORED AT LAMMERT
BROTHERS' AUCTION
ROOMS, PEDDER BUILDING,
BASEMENT.
Ornaments, Medals, Silver
Cups, Silver Rose Bowls,
Silver Sauce Bots, Silver
Tea and Coffee Pots, Silver
Plates, Etc.

STORED AT LAND TRANS-
PORT GARAGE, CAROLINE
HILL, CAUSEWAY BAY.
Ford V-8 Lorries, Interna-
tional Lorry, Chevrolet Lorry,
Vauxhall Cars, Standard
Car, Ford Mercury Car,
Norton Motor Cycle, Austin
12/4 Car.

The above mentioned articles
will be open for inspection at
their respective godowns on
the 21st and 22nd, April, 1947,
between 10.00 a.m. and noon
and between 2.00 p.m. and
4.00 p.m. Inspection Permits
will be issued by the Under-
signed at their Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the
Conditions of Sale published
in the Hong Kong (British
Military Administration) Ga-
zette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th
March, 1946.

LAMMERT BROTHERS,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction on

Friday, the 25th, April 1947
commencing at 2.30 P.M.

at their Sales Rooms No. 35
Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A FINE COLLECTION OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
Comprising:—

Chesterfield Couch, Armchairs,
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Cases, Writing Tables, Filing
Cabinet, Wardrobe with Mirror,
Dressing Tables with Mirror,
Stool, Chest of Drawers, Tall
Boys, Cabin Trunks, Extension
Dining Table with Leaves,
Sideboards with Glass Sliding
Door, Glass Cabinet, Dining
Chairs, Gramophone Records,
Radio Sets, Thermos Bottles,
Aluminium Sauce Pans, Meat
Safe, Kitchen Table, Folding
Camp Bed, Double & Single
Bedsteads with Boxspring Mat-
tresses, Wall Mirrors, Knives,
Forks, Glass Ware, E.P.N.S.
Ware, Silver Ware, Gloisonne
Vases, Folding Card Tables,
Push Car, Coal Scuttle, Am-
plifier, Blankets, Radiator,
Tricycles, Carpets, Rugs, Rattan
Armchairs, Tennis Rackets, 1
Looking glass and 1 quantity of
Ladies New Shoes, Etc., Etc.

Also,
1 Steel Filing Cabinet
3 Iron Safes
1 Vacuum Cleaner
1 Norge Refrigerator
1 Underwood Typewriter 10"

On View from Thursday, the
24th April 1947

Terms: As Customary.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

NOTICE

SERVICE FOR
H.M. FORCES

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

107, Des Voeux Road,
Hong Kong.

Princess Elizabeth's Income Tax Assessment Cape Town En Fete For Birthday

(By Louis Wulff, Reuters Special Correspondent)
Cape Town, Apr. 21.

Princess Elizabeth rose early on her 21st birthday
today to receive first her presents from the
Royal family and then the huge number of
congratulatory cables, telegrams and letters
from all parts of the world.
To the Princess' disappointment the first item on
her programme—an ascent to the top of Table
Mountain by cable railway—had to be cancell-
ed owing to cloudy weather.

After reviewing and taking the
salute at a march past of troops,
ex-servicemen and other organi-
zations, the Princess was broad-
casting her birthday speech to
the Empire at 10.55 hours (G.M.T.).
Crowds waited all morning
outside Government House in
the hope of seeing the Princess
and the town in its gayest mood
was prepared for a day's public
celebrations.

The persistent rumours that
Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten of
the Royal Navy and formerly
Prince Philip of Greece, would be
here for the celebrations were de-
scribed as "sheer nonsense" by a
Government House spokesman.
Meanwhile at Windsor in Eng-
land, a salute of 18 guns was
fired in the Long Walk at Wind-
sor Castle in honour of the Prin-
cess' birthday.

Because the Princess was absent
from Britain, no ceremonies or
salutes were being carried out by
the Admiralty, War Office or Air
Ministry, but most buildings in
London flew flags and church
bells rang throughout the king-
dom.—Reuter.

Civil List
London, Apr. 21.
A uniformed messenger left
the Treasury building in
Whitehall this morning with a
letter for the Secretariat of the
Duchy of Lancaster, inform-
ing them that Her Royal High-
ness, Princess Elizabeth Alex-
andra Mary Windsor came of
age at 0240 hours today and
that her allowance under the
provision of the Civil List Bill
was to be increased from £6,-
000 per year to £15,000 forth-
with.

At the same time, another
messenger left the Treasury
for the headquarters of the In-
land Revenue Department at
Somerset House in the Strand
with a letter informing them
that income tax deductions for
Princess Elizabeth were to be
increased "forthwith from £3,-
299 to £11,024."

P.A.Y.E.
Princess Elizabeth pays her
income tax at the same rate as
other citizens of Britain—part
of it at the rate of three shil-
lings.

NOTICE

Tenders are invited for
FUNERAL SERVICES for the
War Department during the
three month period, 1st May,
1947 to 31st July, 1947.

Funeral services include the
provision of a coffin as per an
agreed specification, delivery of
coffins to the British Military
Hospital, arrangements at the
cemetery, registration of death
and burial permits and provision
of a hearse if required. Separate
quotations should be made for
Hong Kong and Kow-
loon and New Territories.

Tenders may be obtained from
Headquarters, Royal Army
Service Corps, Land Forces
Hong Kong, R.A.S.C. Com-
pound, Queen's Road East. Com-
pleted tenders must be deliver-
ed to the above address in a
sealed envelope clearly marked
"Tender for Funeral Services"
before 12 o'clock noon on 28th
April, 1947.

The General Officer Com-
manding does not bind himself
to accept the lowest or any
tender.

S.P. PERRY,
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commander, Royal Army
Service Corps,
HONG KONG.

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW **QUEEN'S** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

ONE KISS... taught them to love and to kill!

Spectacular!

DAYS OF GLORY

He teaches her to hate and kill... she teaches him to love!

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Introducing
A Cast of New Personalities
Starring
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GREGORY PECK
with
ALAN REED - MARIA PALMER
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★ **KINGS** ★ FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

SPECIAL TIME: 2.30 5.00, 7.20 & 9.40 P.M.

FRANK SINATRA • **KATHRYN GRAYSON** • **GENE KELLY**

"ANCHORS AWEIGH"

IN TECHNICOLOR

with JOSE ITURRI An MGM Picture

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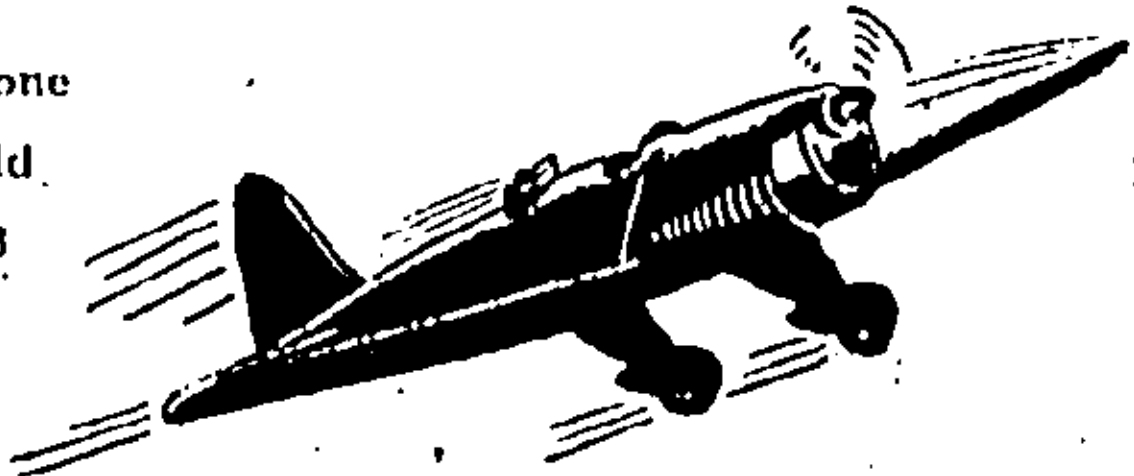
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SLAP HAPPY TO DIE

Second Sentence Of Death On Inouye

Inouye Kanao, otherwise known as "Slap Happy" and "Kamloops Kid" who was charged with 27 overt acts of high treason, was yesterday unanimously found guilty by a jury and sentenced to death by hanging.

Inouye, who had listened to the summing up of His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, with rapid attention, shuddered slightly and stiffened as he heard the foreman of the jury announce the verdict.

This is the second time that the death sentence has been passed on Inouye. On May 27 last, Inouye was found guilty of having committed a War Crime and sentenced by No. 7 War Crimes Court to death by hanging, but the sentence was subsequently quashed on Inouye's claiming that he was a British subject.

There was again a large crowd of European spectators present in Court yesterday and seating accommodation was fully occupied.

The case was heard before Sir Henry Blackall, C.J., while Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Inspector MacAuley, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

Mr. Charles Losely, instructed by Mr. H. K. Wong, defended Inouye. In the course of his summing up, Sir Henry paid tribute to the able manner in which Mr. Losely had conducted the defence.

In his summing up, Sir Henry said that the prisoner was charged with the offence of high treason by adhering to the King's enemies in the Colony of Hong Kong.

The case was one in which it would be necessary for him to explain some legal points and he would try to do so in as simple language as he could.

Allegiance

Sir Henry said that in order to find the prisoner guilty of the offence charged, the Crown had to satisfy them, beyond all reasonable doubt, of the following points: (a) that the accused was a person who owed allegiance to the King at all material dates; (b) that he adhered to and aided and comforted the King's enemies and (c) that he intended to do so.

Dealing first with the evidence as to whether a person owed allegiance to the King, Sir Henry said that a person owed allegiance in different ways, but it was sufficient to mention two of them. One case concerned a natural born British subject who had not divested himself of his British nationality.

Sir Henry said that our law was that any person born within the British Dominions is a British subject irrespective as to the racial origin of his parents.

The Crown have found and produced a birth certificate showing that the prisoner was born in British Columbia. That made him a natural born British subject.

The next question to consider was whether he had divested himself of his British nationality.

Accused did not make such a declaration of allegiance prior to the outbreak of war with Japan. At any rate, there was no evidence that he did so nor did he pretend to have done so. That being so, his opportunity came to an end when the war broke out. Even if he did make or pretend to make a declaration after that, the same would be of no effect.

Bit Confused
The prisoner has contended that the joining of the Japanese army was in effect a declaration of allegiance. He seems to be a bit confused on that point, because he seems to think that he regarded himself always as a Japanese subject. Sir Henry said that on that point, he had to direct the jury that joining the forces of another State did not have the effect of changing the nationality of a British subject.

It did not matter what accused thought he was. Even if he believed himself to be a

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

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ROD, NO!

IF ANYONE CAN'T SHUT HER UP, I'LL...
I'LL STILL...

OH, RATE Y AFTER ALL, NOTHING WOULD BE GAINED FOR TRYING TO LET HER STAY IN THEIR OWN JUNGLE!

Wards Not Registered

Su Ol-fong, 35, widow, of No. 41, Lee Garden Street, was fined \$50 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. J. A. MacAuley, J.C., yesterday for failing to register with the SCA her two wards, 14-year-old Fung Yin-fung and 13-year-old Wong Sam-nui, and for assaulting or ill-treating Fung.

According to Mr. H. W. Fraser, of the SCA, the girls made a report to the SCA on April 14, alleging that the older one had been beaten with a piece of firewood and bitten on the right shoulder by her adopted mother, because she had her photo taken without the mother's consent.

The girl was sent to Dr. Hackett who found teeth marks on the girl's right shoulder. Mr. Fraser said defendant had treated both girls well and properly clothed and fed them.

She told Court that she did not know how her Hong Kong and that she saw the girl when she lost her temper.

The girls were ordered to be placed in the custody of the SCA.

Japanese subject, that would not operate and Sir Henry said that he would have to direct the jury that accused was a natural born British subject and remained so.

Accused said that when he joined the Japanese Gendarmerie in Hong Kong, he did not do anything wrong. On the contrary, he thought he was doing a very fine thing. Was it necessary to mention to assist the King's intention, or did he believe that he was not only entitled, but bound to act in the way he has done. The evidence as regards the prisoner joining the Japanese Gendarmerie was that he came to Hong Kong and joined the Gendarmerie quite voluntarily.

One Charge
Sir Henry said it would be for the jury to decide whether accused was merely motivated by pure patriotic motives in carrying out a legal or moral duty in the belief that he was doing right or, on the other hand, whether he entered into these acts with the object of assisting the King's enemies and that he was motivated by evil motives.

Sir Henry said accused had told them that he was ill-used while in Canada and maybe he was nursing a grievance against the Anglo-Saxon race and their Allies.

In connection with evidence in treason cases, Sir Henry said that the law provides that there must be certain overt acts of treason, proved to the satisfaction of the jury. It must be shown that an accused person did an overt act, proved by the evidence of two witnesses. That was enough. Or, if the prosecution could show two different overt acts of the same kind, although each of those acts was proved by one witness, that was enough.

Sir Henry asked the jury to remember that there was only one charge against the accused and that they did not have to find him guilty of all 27 overt acts. It would be sufficient if they found him guilty of one act supported by the evidence of two witnesses.

Helpful Agent
Sir Henry then reviewed the evidence of Mr. A.E.F. Guest, whom he described as a helpful agent to the Allies, of Mohamed Yusuf Khan, a very important witness for the Crown who, with Mohamed Assan and Ahmed Khan helped in arranging for the escape of people from Hong Kong, spread pro-British propaganda in Hong Kong and collected information of a military nature. Sir Henry also touched upon the evidence of Ramphal Ghilote, Gonzalo Sang, Mrs. Power, Ho Fook Sang, Dr. Atienza, Mrs. M. O. Lee and others, as well as the testimony of the accused.

After a retirement of ten minutes, the jury and the Foreman announced that they had unanimously found accused guilty of the offence with which he was charged.

Donning his black cap, Sir Henry passed sentence of death on Inouye, who was then led from the dock.

Before rising, Sir Henry thanked the jury for their services.

Second Thought
By EDGAR MARTIN

BOOTS, YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT YOU ACTUALLY WROTE YOU ABOUT THIS COBRANT?

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Lido Back In Civvy Street

On Saturday next week, May 3, Hong Kong civilians will again be able to use the Repulse Bay Lido without being the guests of service officers in the Colony, for the first time since the Lido was requisitioned by the military in October 1945.

The NAAFI authorities in Hong Kong who have been running the Lido as an Officers' Club under a contract which terminated at the end of last month, are turning over the building which will revert on May 1st to the control of the owners—the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co. Ltd.

This Company has now sold the premises to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., the sale to take effect as from the first of next month.

An official of these Companies said yesterday: "Certain necessary rehabilitation work has been put in hand and the building will be open to the public from Saturday, May 3."

"All the usual pre-war facilities will then be available to the general public and the 6.6-time popular dinner dances held in the top floor restaurant will be resumed."

RINDERPEST ON LANTAU

Rinderpest or Cattle Plague is now prevalent in Lantau Island and numbers of working cattle have died in Tung Chung and other nearby villages. The Government Veterinary Surgeon has visited the island and has made arrangements for the protection of cattle which have not yet contracted the disease. A limited quantity of serum can be made available to farmers in other areas if the disease appears amongst their cattle.

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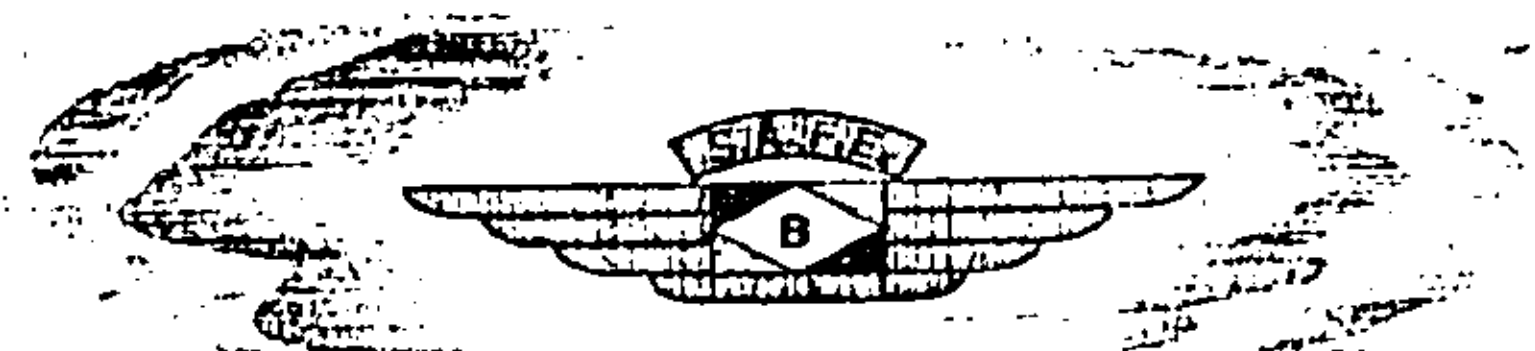
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DEATH

NEERGAARD. — On Tuesday, April 15, 1947, at her residence, 65, Park Road, Carlton Apt. 222, Shanghai, Annie Neergaard, aged 58 years, the dearly beloved mother of Ruth, June, Beverly and Mrs. F. W. Kudrick (Tientsin).

NOTHING DONE

It is beginning to look as though the Moscow Conference may end this week. Nothing of any permanent value appears to have been achieved and the discussions have only been protracted as long as they have because of the reluctance of the British, French and American delegations to leave while there is still a slight hope of understanding. The question of how much further time will be spent will presumably depend on what happens during the next two days. Should there develop a spirit of compromise—hitherto conspicuously absent from the proceedings—it might be worth while to seize the last-minute opportunity of some agreement. Otherwise the Ministers will separate without having reached any kind of decision and indeed, on the main issues, without having established any basis for decision at another attempt later on. Mr. Bevin summed up the position concisely when he said that "we have been here for weeks and have accomplished absolutely nothing." There had not, he went on, been a single item of agreement of any importance in the committee reports and none in the Foreign Ministers' Council itself. Many of the meetings have been marked by the customary Russian habit of discovering imaginary notes in the eye of the Western Allies and of disclosing the minimum of information as to what is going on behind their own curtain.

The central theme of the Conference is the establishment of German economic unity, as provided at Potsdam but hitherto in abeyance. Progress towards this desirable and necessary end has been, and remains, thwarted by the Russian insistence on her claim to £2,500,000,000 in reparations out of current production as the condition of unity. In pressing this claim M. Molotov conveniently forgets that nothing of the kind figured in the Potsdam agreement, to which he is so fond of appealing. He is aware, further, that unless and until Germany's exports balance her minimum necessary imports the claim can only be met by subsidies from the British and American taxpayers. What he is in effect demanding is that Britain and America should bear the burden of the reparations due from Germany to Russia. Not content with thus creating the major obstacle to the overall unity of Germany, he goes out of his way to denounce the lesser unity established, as a pis aller, between the British and American zones. Here again he takes his stand on the Potsdam agreement, though on what clause has never emerged, since the agreement contains nothing forbidding fusion between two zones. In fact, he quotes in his favour what is not in the agreement while ignoring what is in it, namely that "payment of reparations should leave enough resources to enable the German people to subsist without external assistance." So long as Russia acts in this arbitrary and untenable manner deadlock is inescapable. If deadlock persists the situation in Germany can only go from bad to worse, to the common detriment of all concerned. Russia can continue—in violation of Potsdam—to extract reparations from current production in her own zone, but she will in the end get far less than if Germany were restored to a sound economic basis first. Germany will remain a heavy burden on the British taxpayer, but a less heavy one than if we acceded to the Russian demands. On most other aspects of the German problem Russia has

China's New Government: Text Of Consitution

The full text of the organic law of the National Government as promulgated on Saturday is as follows:

One, General Provisions

Article One: The National Government, in pursuance of Article 77 of the provisional constitution of the political tutelage period, does enact and or gain the following organic law of the National Government of the Republic of China.

Two, The National Government

Article Two: The National Government shall exercise the governing powers of the Republic of China.

Article Three: The National Government shall have the supreme command of the land, naval and air forces.

Article Four: The National Government shall have the power to declare war, to negotiate for peace, and to conclude treaties.

Article Five: The National Government shall promulgate laws and issue mandates.

Article Six: The National Government shall exercise the power of granting amnesties, pardons, reprieves, and restitution of civil rights.

Article Seven: The National Government shall exercise the power of conferring medals and decorations of honour.

Article Eight: The National Government shall entrust to the five following yuan to execute respectively the five governing powers of administration, legislation, judicial, examination, and control: the Executive Yuan, the Legislative Yuan, the Judicial Yuan, the Examination Yuan and the Control Yuan.

The afore-mentioned yuan may, according to law, issue orders.

Article Nine: The National Government may, when it is deemed necessary, set up subordinate organs to be controlled directly by the National Government. The organization of such organs shall be determined by law.

100 Years Ago Today

(Excerpts from The China Mail, April 23, 1947.)

"Our Overland paper we introduced the name of Mr. Tobey in the Whampoa affray by mistake. His partner, Mr. Hunt, is the guilty one; and that worthy has had the assurance to address a port letter to the editor of The China Mail on the subject. Most men in his position would have the good sense to keep quiet; but Mr. Hunt does not appear to be troubled with 'mauvaise honte', or indeed modesty of any kind...."

ON THE USE OF FERMENTED LIQUORS (As reprinted in The China Mail from 'The Chemist').

"The question as to whether or not fermented liquors are injurious to man is one which has been much discussed; many indeed and various are the opinions on both sides. Those who argue against their use say they are a natural drink and that the hand of nature has supplied us 'naturally' with all that is necessary or beneficial in this and every other respect.

"But these sober sages are on the wrong basis.

"We are living altogether in an artificial state and consequently require a different food. In a state of nature man has little or no care; his system is not at one time excited, at one time depressed, as is the case with a man who lives in a civilized country in these hard times.

"In some countries where the inhabitants are in a state of uncivilization, the inhabitants can make a meal of tallow candles; this, it is needless to add, we are unable to do; and so, as a general rule, it will be found that the more civilized a country becomes, the more delicate is the food of its inhabitants.

"That much of this is due to the climate must be fully admitted; but this is not the sole cause. In hot countries a very liberal dose of fermented liquors is decidedly bad. In temperate climates more may be drunk without injury, nay frequently, with decided benefit.

"In cold climates they become almost indispensable, especially to foreigners residing in them."

adopted the same attitude of self-chosen isolation as on the Security Council. What he hopes to gain from it is a matter beyond guessing.

Article Ten: The National Government shall have a President and a Vice President who shall be elected and appointed by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

The National Government shall have a State Council which shall have no more than 40 members who shall be nominated and appointed by the President of the National Government from members and non-members of the Kuomintang. The President of the five yuan shall be ex officio councilors.

Article Eleven: The President of the National Government shall be the head of the Republic of China and shall represent the Republic of China in foreign relations.

Article Twelve: The President of the National Government shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the land, naval and air forces.

Article Thirteen: The President and the Vice President of the National Government shall hold office for three years and they may be reelected, provided, however, that, after the enforcement of the constitution and upon the inauguration of the President elected under the constitution, they shall be relieved of their respective posts.

In case the President of the National Government should be unable to perform his duties, the Vice President of the National Government shall act on his behalf. In case both the President and the Vice President of the National Government should be unable to perform their duties, the President of the Executive Yuan shall act on their behalf.

Article Fourteen: All laws promulgated and all mandates issued by the National Government shall be signed by the President of the National Government according to law. Such laws promulgated and mandates issued shall be countersigned by the President of the yuan concerned.

Article Fifteen: The Presidents and the Vice Presidents of the five yuans of the National Government shall be elected and appointed by the President of the National Government.

The President of the National Government shall be responsible to the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang and the residents of the five yuans shall be responsible to the President of the National Government.

Three, State Council

Article Sixteen: The State Council shall be the supreme organ on state affairs within the National Government, and shall be composed of the President of the National Government and the state councilors.

Article Seventeen: The following matters shall come within the scope of discussion and decision of the State Council:

(a) legislative principles (b) administrative policies, (c) military policies (d) fiscal planning and budgeting, (e) appointment and replacement of heads of the various ministries and commissions, and the ministers of state without portfolio, (f) appointment of members of the Legislative and Control Yuan, (g) matters submitted by the President of the National Government for decision, (h) proposals submitted and signed jointly by more than three members of the State Council.

Article Eighteen: The President of the National Government may if he considers any of the resolutions adopted by the State Council, difficult to implement, call for deliberations once more on the resolutions in question. If in further deliberations the resolutions are upheld by a majority of more than three-fifths of the members of the State Council, then the resolutions shall be carried out as originally adopted.

Article Nineteen: Resolutions of a general nature shall be passed by more than half of the members of the State Council. Resolutions affecting administrative policies shall be adopted only by a two-thirds majority of the members of the State Council.

In case of doubt as to whether a certain resolution affects administrative policies, the interpretation agreed to by more than half of the State Council members shall be accepted as final.

Article Twenty: The regulations governing the meetings of the State Council shall be separately drawn up.

Four, The Executive Yuan

Article Twenty-one: The Executive Yuan shall be the

highest executive organ of the National Government.

Article Twenty-two: The Executive Yuan shall establish ministries to whom shall be entrusted the various executive duties.

The Executive Yuan may appoint commissions to take charge of specific executive matters.

Article Twenty-three: The Executive Yuan shall have a number of ministers of state with portfolio who shall be appointed as heads of the various ministries and commissions and, if necessary, shall also have some five to seven ministers of state without portfolio. The various ministers of state with portfolio shall be appointed and removed, according to law, by the State Council on the recommendation of the President of the National Government at the instance of the President of the Executive Yuan.

The Ministries of the Executive Yuan shall each have a Minister, a political vice minister and administrative vice minister and the various commissions shall each have a chairman, a vice chairman and a certain number of members.

The political vice ministers and administrative vice ministers of the various ministries and the vice chairmen as well as members of the various commissions shall be appointed or removed, according to law, by the President of the National Government at the instance of the President of the Executive Yuan.

Article Twenty-four: In case the President of the Executive Yuan is unable to discharge his duties from any cause whatsoever, the Vice President of the said yuan shall act in his place.

Article Twenty-five: The meetings of the Executive Yuan shall be attended by the President and the Vice President of the Executive Yuan, the Minister of the various ministries, and the chairman of the various commissions, and presided over by the President of the said yuan.

Article Twenty-six: The following matters shall be decided at the meetings of the Executive Yuan:

One, laws to be introduced in the Legislative Yuan; two, budgets to be submitted to the Legislative Yuan; three, amnesties to be submitted to the Legislative Yuan; four, declaration of war and negotiation for peace to be submitted to the Legislative Yuan; five, the appointment or dismissal of administrative and judicial officials of or above the recommended rank (third class); six, all matters which cannot be settled between the various ministries and commissions of the Executive Yuan; seven, other matters which, according to law or in the opinion of the President of the Executive Yuan, should be decided at the meetings of the said yuan.

Article Twenty-seven: All orders and acts of disposition of the Executive Yuan, in order to be effective, shall be countersigned, in respect of those affecting general administrative affairs, by the entire body of ministers, and in respect of those affecting only one ministry by the minister concerned.

Article Twenty-eight: The organization of the Executive Yuan shall be determined by law.

Five, Legislative Yuan

Article Twenty-nine: The Legislative Yuan shall be the highest legislative organ of the National Government.

The Legislative Yuan shall have the power to decide upon the following: legislative, budgets, amnesties, declaration of war, negotiation for peace, and other important international affairs.

Article Thirty: In case the President of the Legislative duties from any cause whatsoever, the Vice President of the Yuan is unable to discharge his said Yuan shall act in his place.

Article Thirty-one: The Presidents of various yuan and the ministers of the various ministries may attend the meetings of the Legislative Yuan to offer explanations.

Article Thirty-two: The Legislative Yuan shall be composed of from 99 to 149 legislative members who shall be appointed, according to law, by the State Council, recommended by the President of the National Government at the instance of the President of the Legislative Yuan.

Article Thirty-three: Legislative members shall hold office for three years.

Article Thirty-four: The Executive Yuan shall be the

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And I think Senator Smith would make an excellent chairman for the food surplus investigating committee—he's always been able to find out which side his head was buried on!"

Kuomintang Retains Effective Power

Nanking, Apr. 20. — China's new constitution, brought into force last week for the nation until enforcement of the new constitution at the end of the year, is being hailed in Nanking as the beginning of a new era of democracy.

Yet, the question remains in the minds of many Chinese and foreign observers as to exactly what extent the Kuomintang has relinquished its control over China's policy-making.

These observers are frankly sceptical on the power which the non-Kuomintang members will have in actual practice. In support of their doubts they point to two things:

1. The composition of the principal representative and administrative bodies, and
2. The functions of the newly organized Kuomintang Political Council.

The chief representative and administrative groups are the State Council, the Legislative Yuan and the Executive Yuan. In the State Council out of a total of 29 seats, the Kuomintang predominance also continues. The revised organic laws of the National Government provide that the "Legislative Yuan shall be composed of from 99 to 148 members." Yet, at the present time the minority parties in the Yuan number only 26.

The Executive Yuan is yet to be reshuffled, probably during the early part of this week. However, according to present plans, out of 14 Ministers the Young China Party will receive two, while the Democratic Socialists have refused to accept any ministries with portfolio.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek retains the right to appoint the President and Vice-President of the Yuan, according to organic law.

With the Kuomintang far outnumbering third parties and non-partisans in all these organs some observers hold the opinion that real democratization has yet to come. Their belief is further confirmed by the functions of the Kuomintang Political Council.

This organization, with Mr. Chen Li-fu—who has long controlled the Kuomintang organization—as Secretary-General, "shall be the highest directive organ on political affairs of this Party."

The organic laws of the Council specify that the group shall decide on the "guiding principles for settlement of important problems."

The Minister of Information, Dr. Peng Hsueh-pai, announced in a press conference last week that the Kuomintang members of the State Council and Executive Yuan will be required to abide by the decisions of the Party's Political Council—which could mean a strong Kuomintang bloc voting against a weak third-party bloc.

Observers feel that—although a step nearer to real democratic Government has been achieved in Nanking—the Kuomintang tutelage will, on the whole, be perpetuated. When minority parties win their way, this will not represent a minority party victory, but Kuomintang compromise or silent agreement, they state.—Reuter.

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STRONG ENOUGH TO PASS

"STRONG ENOUGH TO PASS" sounds like paradoxical language. It is not, however. In fact, it applies emphatically to many a hand on which an average player makes an opening pre-emptive bid of three or four in a major, or three, four or five in a minor. Practically every first-ranker in the country now reserves those bids for hands which are worthless if set down as a dummy at any other contract. If the hand with a long suit is of any value whatsoever at No Trumps, or on the defense, the fine player finds it "strong enough to pass," with the idea of coming in later.

West, though, was the real culprit. To begin with, he did not have enough playing tricks to be within two of the number required—by his 4-Hearts bid when vulnerable. Secondly, and more important, he did not have a hand which was worthless at defense, as his A would have been good for a trick. Third, he did not have a hand which was worthless at No Trumps, but one probably worth seven tricks to his partner. He was, in other words, "strong enough to pass," then bid later.

If West had passed East should have opened with 1-Diamond, whereupon West should have called 2-Hearts, East 2-No Trumps, West 3-Hearts, and East 3-No Trumps. At this contract, nine tricks would have been absolutely sure—same number as at hearts—no matter what suit the defenders opened.

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for two years and may be re-elected. They shall be relieved of their offices, however, when new legislative members, who shall have been elected, according to the constitution, are in session.

Article Thirty-four: The legislative members of the Legislative Yuan shall not hold any concurrent Government posts.

Article Thirty-five: The President of the Legislative Yuan shall preside over all Legislative Yuan meetings.

Article Thirty-six: The organization of the Legislative Yuan shall be determined by law.

Six, Judicial Yuan

Article Thirty-seven: The Judicial Yuan shall be the highest judicial organ of the National Government.

The granting of pardons and reprieves and the rehabilitation of civil rights shall be signed by the President of the National Government at the instance, according to law, of the President of the Judicial Yuan.

Article Thirty-eight: The Judicial Yuan shall establish a Supreme Court, an Administrative Court, and a commission for the disciplinary punishment of public functionaries.

Article Thirty-nine: The President of the Judicial Yuan shall act concurrently as the President of the supreme court, and the Vice President of the Judicial Yuan shall act concurrently as the chairman of the commission for the disciplinary punishment of public functionaries.

Article Forty: The President of the Judicial Yuan may, when it is deemed necessary, personally conduct and dispose of trials at the administrative court and the commission for the disciplinary punishment of public functionaries.

Article Forty-one: In case the President of the Judicial Yuan is unable to discharge his duties from any cause whatsoever, the Vice President of the said Yuan shall act in his place.

Article Forty-two: The Judicial Yuan may introduce in the Legislative Yuan bills on matters within its own competence.

Article Forty-three: The organization of the Judicial Yuan shall be determined by law.

Seven, The Examination Yuan

Article Forty-four: The Examination Yuan shall be the highest examination organ of the National Government and shall exercise, according to law, the powers of examination and the determination of qualifications for public service.

Article Forty-five: In case the President of the Examination Yuan is unable to discharge his duties from any cause whatsoever, the Vice President of the said Yuan shall act in his place.

Article Forty-six: The Examination Yuan may introduce in the Legislative Yuan bills on matters within its own competence.

Article Forty-seven: The organization of the Examination Yuan shall be determined by law.

Eight, Control Yuan

Article Forty-eight: The Control Yuan shall be the highest supervisory organ of the National Government and shall, according to law, exercise the powers of impeachment and auditing.

Article Forty-nine: In case the President of the Control Yuan is unable to discharge his duties from any cause whatsoever, the Vice President of the said Yuan shall act in his place.

Article Fifty: The Control Yuan shall be composed of from 84 to 74 supervisory members who shall be appointed, according to law, by the President of the National Government.

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Secret Session Fails To End Moscow Deadlock

DISPUTE ON TWO POINTS

Moscow, Apr. 21.

After the Foreign Ministers had met for more than two hours in a secret session in Moscow tonight, observers were betting against the successful conclusion of the Austrian treaty and expected tomorrow's open session of the Ministers' Council to reveal the deadlock.

Pessimists pointed out that no communiqué was issued after the secret session. If there had been any notable agreement on the treaty it would have been announced at once, they felt.

Optimists hoped that the Ministers might yet find an answer to the apparently irreconcilable conflict of views on Yugoslavia's frontiers and the definition of German assets in Austria.

The Council of Foreign Ministers this afternoon went unexpectedly into closed session after 100 minutes' discussion of the Austrian treaty, which had been considered by their deputies.

The United States representative, General George Marshall, made the suggestion for a closed session after the British delegate, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had said: "If we can get an agreement on articles 5, 34 and 35, we will have a treaty."

These articles deal with questions of Austrian frontiers, whether Austria is to pay reparations and the all-important problem of German assets. Between them they represent the hard core of differences over Austria remaining between the great powers.

Agreed Subjects

The Deputies' report, presented at the beginning of today's meeting, showed the deputies had agreed on eight points, including the withdrawal of Allied occupation forces in Austria, and disagreed on three points.

The agreed subjects were: (1) War criminals. (2) The transfer of Germans of German origin from Austria. (3) Withdrawal of Allied forces of occupation from Austria. (4) Restitutions to be made by Austria (with a reservation by the Soviet). (5) Austria's claims against the Allies. (6) Austrian property in Allied territories. (7) Contracts between Austria and Germany. (8) Special provision relating to industrial, literary and artistic property.

Of the articles referred to the deputies' disagreement remained on the subjects of frontiers, displaced persons and Austrian debts.

Two Points Left

The Ministers themselves reached agreement at this evening's meeting on displaced persons when Mr. Molotov withdrew his insistence that a timetable should be set for Austria to provide for her displaced persons, provided that a record of the Soviet observations was contained in the minutes of today's meetings.

Diplomatic observers tonight considered that the Conference

ment at the instance of the President of the Control Yuan.

Article Fifty-one: The tenure of office of the supervisory members of the Control Yuan shall be determined by law.

Article Fifty-two: All meetings of the Control Yuan shall be attended by the supervisory members of the Control Yuan and presided over by the President of the said Yuan.

Article Fifty-three: The supervisory members of the Control Yuan shall not hold any concurrent public offices.

Article Fifty-four: The Control Yuan may introduce in the Legislative Yuan bills on matters within its own competence.

Article Fifty-five: The organization of the Control Yuan shall be determined by law.

Article Fifty-six: The President law shall come into force on the day of its promulgation.

DE GAULLE INVITES TROUBLE

PARIS, APR. 21.

GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE, WHO IS LEADING A ONE-MAN CRUSADE AGAINST COMMUNISM IN FRANCE, WILL FIGHT ONE OF THE TOUGHEST BATTLES OF HIS CAREER ON THURSDAY — A SINGLE-HANDED ENCOUNTER WITH THE FRENCH PRESS.

The General's first press conference since he emerged from voluntary retirement on March 30 will be an open free for all, the official spokesman for his new political party said today. The wartime resistance leader is expected to undergo at this conference virtually the third degree at the hands of some 200 newspapermen.

The large majority of France's partisan press is hostile to General de Gaulle.

When newsmen crowd into the red plush and gilt reception room of the National Resistance Society's headquarters here, they will be armed with a battery of questions seeking to prove that General de Gaulle, by his own words, wants to become dictator, United Press.

Chinese Refuse Citizenship

Batavia, Apr. 21.

Eighty per cent of the Chinese residents in Bantar (East Java) have refused to become Indonesian citizens, according to the Batavia Chinese newspaper Keng Pao.

The paper said that it appears the Republican authorities were formally informed of the decision of the residents before April 10 last which was the time limit set by the Republic for the refusal of citizenship.

After this date, every Indonesian born Chinese, Arab or Indo-European who had not formally refused citizenship was considered by the Republic to have become automatically an Indonesian citizen.—Reuter.

Swift Arrests In Portugal

Lisbon, Apr. 21.

The War Ministry today announced that the attempted military uprising against the Portuguese Government at dawn on April 10 was crushed by the swift arrest of a number of Army officers, some of whom were exiled.

The announcement said that 20 Army planes at the Army aviation school in Sinta were sabotaged by the rebels in what the War Ministry described as the only concrete results achieved by them.—United Press.

COMPOSER DEAD

Yeovil, England, Apr. 21.

The death occurred today of Harry Wincott, 80, composer of "Mademoiselle from Armentiers." Mr. Wincott wrote his first song at the age of nine. His songs included "Any Old Iron" and "On the Road to Victoria," his last published work.—United Press.

B-29 CRASHES

Pearl Harbor, Apr. 22. Pacific Fleet Headquarters reported today that a B-29 crashed into the sea upon taking off from Kajioka on Sunday and that all persons aboard were killed.—Associated Press.

Anglo-Soviet Treaty Talks Continuing

London, Apr. 21.

A Foreign Office spokesman today declined to comment on the present stage of the Anglo-Russian treaty talks because discussions still are continuing in Moscow. A further meeting between Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov and Mr. Ernest Bevin is scheduled.

The spokesman also declined to comment on the "Pravda" article suggesting insertion of an anti-bloc clause into the revised Anglo-Russian treaty.

Well-informed diplomatic observers, however, did not conceal their scepticism today regarding the proposal.

They said it would be almost impossible to find a satisfactory definition of the word "bloc."

The view prevails here that the most solid "bloc" built in the post-war world is the dense network of treaties and special arrangements linking the Soviet Union with the small countries of Eastern Europe. It is believed that the Eastern bloc under Russia's leadership is a diplomatic factor to be reckoned with even if formal treaty links are not in existence in each individual case.

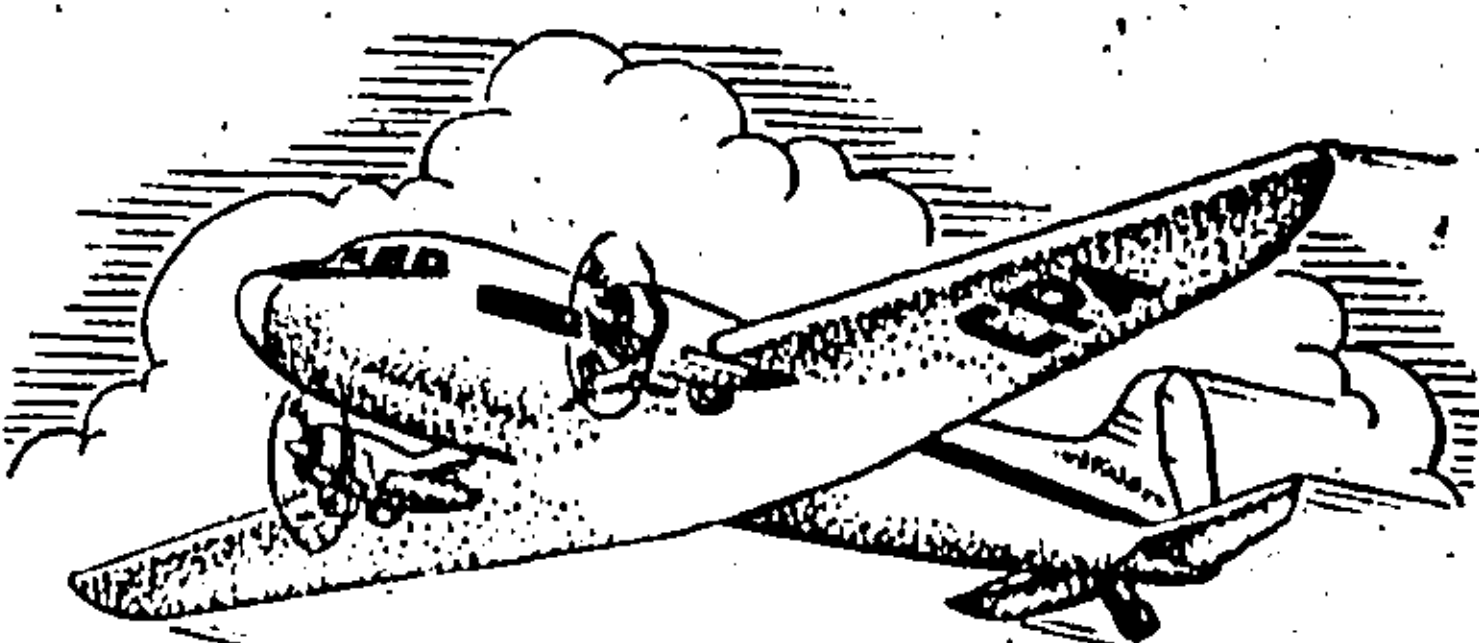
Thus the support which Russia extended to Albania on the question of Corfu Straits mines, which is still greatly resented in London, is described here as a typical anti-British "bloc action" although no formal Albanian-Russian alliance treaty was ever concluded. Thus, if an anti-bloc clause is to be included in the new Anglo-Russian treaty, Britain would be interested in excluding any future anti-British lineup in the Security Council or other international bodies.

Futile

Diplomatic observers fear, however, such an expectation would be futile as they are aware of the one-sided interpretation of the term "bloc."

Observers realise that any Soviet definition of "bloc" would not cover an Eastern or Slavonic bloc but would be applied exclusively to the so-called Western anti-Soviet bloc attempts.

Any discussion of an anti-bloc clause would, in the view of diplomatic observers, but widen the differences of opinion between Whitehall and the Kremlin and it is therefore preferable to drop the idea of such a clause altogether in the interests of the future Anglo-Russian treaty.—United Press.



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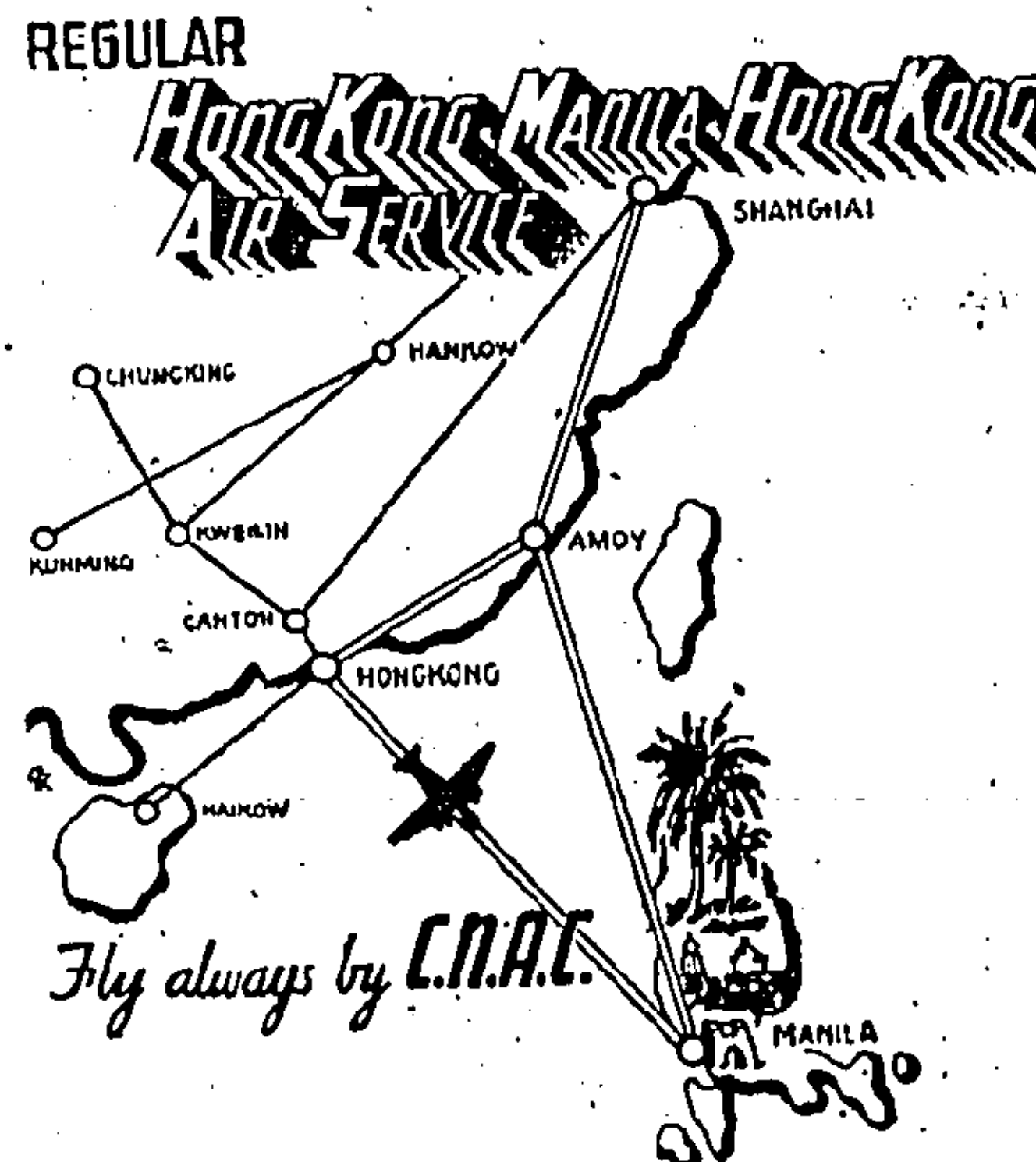
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Five or six fantan players, including himself, were so incensed by the high-handed action of the Police constables in destroying the gambling tables, and in the loss of the table-money, that they followed the constables and repeatedly demanded to be brought to the Police Station, declared Mok Kuen, 25-year-old fish hawk, during his cross-examination by Mr. Marcus da Silva.

Witness was put through a gruelling cross-examination by Mr. Silva on his evidence against seven members of the Kowloon Emergency Unit who appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Jones at Kowloon yesterday charged with attempted extortion of \$30 from Mok Kuen at Nan Chang Street on March 14, conspiracy to extort, and demanding the above sum with menaces. The second and sixth accused were further charged with possession of an offensive weapon, namely, a knuckle duster.

The defendants were Ghulam Ahmed, Mohamed Akbar, Abdullah Ali, Mohamed Abdul Karim, Mansur Ali, Shek Adam and Ramon Lorin, and were represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva, ASP Charles Matram, assisted by DSI C. Dowman, prosecuted.

The case for the Crown was that on the day in question the seven defendants were detained by their OIC, S/I Clarke, for patrol duty in the Yaumati area, and instructed to go in

two groups of four and three. They were further instructed to report to the various telephone "posts," with the second group calling a quarter of an hour after the first. The two patrols were not to join forces unless something exceptional turned up.

Riot Squad Out
Immediately after reporting to the post at the filling station at the junction of Taloo Road and Boundary Street, the seven accused were seen to make their way to Shamshuipo, although no report of anything untoward had been received. On arrival at Nan Chang Street, alleged Mr. Matram, the defendants went to a gaming school and demanded \$30 from Mok Kuen who counter-offered \$10.

This was refused by the second accused, who appeared to act as the spokesman, and the constables then proceeded to kick over the tables. The gamblers were enraged by this action and so it was alleged, trouble started. A telephone message was sent to the Emergency Unit Headquarters and a riot van sent out. On arrival of the van, order was restored and the constables went to the Shamshuipo Police Station with some of the gamblers.

It was alleged by the prosecution that no genuine attempt had been made to arrest the gamblers as the paraphernalia were not brought to the Station but were subsequently picked by S/I Wheeler. Mr. Matram also stated that, at the Station, it was found that not one of the E.U. constables were wearing their identification number, although five of them had theirs in their pockets.

Dr. Lee Ching-ong of the Kowloon Hospital testified to having examined Fung Fat-chai and Mok Kuen at about 10 p.m. He found that Fung was suffering from a swollen upper lip with a three-quarter inch laceration wound on the inside. There was also a swelling and bruise over his back. Mok Kuen had two parallel wounds across his back, six inches long and one inch apart.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness agreed that if caused by a blow with a knuckle-duster the wound on the lip would have penetrated the skin and that a tooth would be broken as well. He further agreed with His Worship that if a knuckle-duster had been used, marks would have been observed on the outside of the lip, whereas no such marks had been seen by him.

Crowd Gathers
In his evidence-in-chief, Mok Kuen stated that when the Police party approached the place where he and others were gambling, the second, fourth and sixth accused drew their revolvers, and that Akbar demanded \$30 from him. When he replied that he had no money, continued witness, Akbar kicked**TEXAS THREAT**
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Canton (By Train) and South America and Canada, via San Francisco (No. Parana for Canada), (Reg. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.**Problem Boy Sentenced**

Described by his father as "incorrigible" and "a problem boy," Victor E. Neves, 21-year-old unemployed Portuguese with three previous convictions, was yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Lalmer on a larceny charge.

Prosecuting, S/I C. J. Askew said that defendant was caught by Wong Nui, a wash-mah, at 10.30 a.m. on April 20 with a bundle of clothing, leaving the first floor of 5, Hankow Road. Accused, continued S/I Askew, and been a warder in Stanley Gaol and lost his job as the result of a conviction on the charge of carrying letters for a prisoner. He had also served two terms of three months' hard labour each for false pretences and loitering with intent, respectively.

ed over the table, resulting in the table-money being scattered all over the place.

He and the others were so angry over the loss of the money that they asked the constables to go to the Police Station but the latter refused and proceeded to walk away. At the junction of Kilung Street and Nan Chang Street a large crowd of kaffongs had gathered but, although the kaffongs were hostile to the constables, nothing happened.

On the arrival of the van, continued witness, a few of them were put into the truck. One of the accused shone a torch at him, while the second defendant shouted "This is the man," and proceeded to assault him with a stick resembling a truncheon.

Witness went on to state that in an earlier raid, about 12 noon that day, the same seven defendants pointed their guns at the gamblers and destroyed the gambling outfit.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness denied that he knew Detective Tong Kwong-fat or that he claimed that he was under that detective's protection. He further denied that he ever said, "You have broken my rice bowl."

Witness strenuously denied that the gamblers were chased by the E.U. constables to the junction of Kilung and Nan Chang Streets or that he incited the crowd to attack the police.

Fung Fat-chai, in evidence, stated that he was struck by the second accused with the fist "with something on it." He was knocked unconscious but was able to keep his feet with the support of a constable.

In reply to Mr. Silva, witness said that on the approach of the constables all the gamblers ran towards Kilung Street. He did not urge to be taken to the Police Station, declared Fung.

At this stage, hearing, was adjourned until May 6. The question of bail will be decided this morning.

Tomorrow at 7.30 p.m. at the Cheerio Club, the Hong Kong Stage Club are holding a casting meeting for a new play. All interested are invited to attend.

Colony Trade For First Quarter

Following are Hong Kong's trade figures for the first quarter of 1947, compared with the same period of 1946:

COUNTRIES	IMPORTS FROM 1st quarter 1946	IMPORTS FROM 1st quarter 1947	EXPORTS TO 1st quarter 1946	EXPORTS TO 1st quarter 1947
United Kingdom	1,044,807	2,748,801	2,284,003	2,144,270
Australia	705,045	8,805,015	110,996	1,404,337
Burma	—	19,322	—	978,204
Canada	8,494	2,740,780	35,171	317,426
Ceylon	1,500	109,561	67,887	807,368
East Africa	—	212,522	60,490	60,490
France	4,709,262	11,300,158	8,008,648	5,249,181
Germany	12,911,247	25,531,323	14,197,250	6,405,384
India	—	90,001	6,426	480,992
Japan	—	1,032,748	—	1,144,531
North Borneo	—	1,612,235	18,633	2,853,333
South Africa	—	—	—	54,134
West Africa	—	2,808	—	80,323
West Indies	—	988,102	87,803	763,850
British Empire, Other	1,019,200	4,601,597	1,450,048	1,450,048
Netherlands	81,105,323	12,010,910	12,847,112	7,168,170
China: North	11,919,187	1,608,285	2,959,610	10,161,007
China: South	35,678,497	74,170,437	17,355,402	47,447,472
Guha	—	254,161	—	228,504
Central America	—	6,185	—	10,817
Denmark	—	109,640	353,233	1,774,712
Spain	—	1,957,209	—	1,548,802
France	—	1,957,209	—	1,548,802
French Indo China	25,200	1,957,209	1,227,492	4,494,507
Germany	—	1,138,338	—	743,494
Holland	—	1,138,338	—	2,104,544
Italy	—	1,138,338	—	19,147
Korea	—	1,138,338	—	728,603
Macao	—	1,138,338	—	13,399,241
Malaya	—	1,138,338	—	477,702
Manchuria	—	1,138,338	—	4,937,704
Netherlands East Indies	—	1,138,338	—	6,436,881
Philippines	—	1,138,338	—	85,971
Portugal	—	1,138,338	—	21,771,311
Spain	—	1,138,338	—	25,824
Sweden	—	1,138,338	—	1,007,007
Switzerland	—	1,138,338	—	2,206
U.S.A.	9,491,887	8,891,678	8,891,678	8,891,678
U.S.S.R.	—	8,891,678	—	8,891,678
Other	1,138,338	1,138,338	1,138,338	1,138,338
TOTAL	128,907,799	301,907,281	301,907,281	301,907,281
Total Exports	22,449,272	81,595,431	81,595,431	81,595,431
Total Imports	106,458,527	220,311,850	220,311,850	220,311,850

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